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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Satoru YAMAMOTO, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 10/693,103) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 27, 2003) February 13, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	APPLICANTS	GROUP ART UNIT	STATUS
09/259,252	3/1/99	Hiroshi Kajiwara, et al.	2621	Pending

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The following document is discussed at the following page of the specification:

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JP 10-285421	2

FORMAL MATTERS


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, neither a certification, petition, nor payment of a fee is required. However, if a fee is determined to be due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		US 2003/0026626 A1	2/2003	Sunada, et al.	399	82	
		6,453,139 B2	9/2002	Sasame, et al.	399	167	
		6,120,197	9/2000	Kawamoto, et al.	400	61	
		5,592,305	1/1997	Iwadate, et al.	358	448	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		10-285421	10/1998	Japan			Abstract & US counter-part
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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